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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116  
EXPEDITED EXAMINING PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1700**

Serial No.: 09/685,297 Filing Date: October 10, 2000  
Examiner: Brian R. Gordon Group Art Unit: 1743  
Invention: "Chemical Analysis Method for Multiplexed Samples"

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity Status is/has been asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.  
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.  
☒ No additional fee is required.  
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$          is enclosed to cover the filing fee.  
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☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. An original and two copies of this sheet are enclosed.  
☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.  
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Group Art Unit 1743 :

In re application of :

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CHEMICAL ANALYSIS METHOD  
FOR MULTIPLEXED SAMPLES

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In response to the Final Rejection of July 18, 2002, Applicant submits the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner has finally rejected claims 1-4 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Norman U.S. Patent No. 5,508,204.

The Examiner states:

Norman does not specifically recite that the specimens are homogenized or that the analysis steps are repeated for each combination of specimens.

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